



NEWS RELEASE

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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

CALTRANS TO REPLANT SHRUBS ALONG HIGHWAY 1 IN MORRO BAY

MORRO BAY – Caltrans will replant screening-type shrubs along southbound Hwy. 1 in Morro Bay after several were removed earlier this year due to a small insect (thrips) which causes considerable leaf damage through the feeding activity of larvae and adults insects.

All of the diseased shrubs (Myoporum) will be removed on Hwy. 1 between Yerba Buena Street and San Jacinto Street and will be replanted this summer with Catalina Cherry, (*Prunus Lyonii*) and (*Ceanothus*) 'Ray Hartman', at specific intervals along the fence line near southbound Hwy. 1.

Caltrans and the California Conservation Corp (CCC) will continue working on this project in the coming weeks. The contractor for this project is Madrone Landscapes of Atascadero. The planting of these new shrubs is expected to begin in June.

Caltrans reminds motorists to move over and slow down when driving through Caltrans work zones

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